

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SINGLE-SIGN-ON ACCESS TO A RESOURCE VIA A
PORTAL SERVER

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

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A single-sign-on adapter (SSO Adapter) implementing one or more authentication mechanisms that may be used by Portal middleware on behalf of a portal user. A user seeking access to a resource server through a portal server performs a single
10 sign-on with the portal server at the beginning of a session. When requests a resource from resource server that requires authentication, the authentication is handled by the portal server without requiring an authentication response from the user. The portal server may use stored user credentials, a
15 token-based shared authentication service, or proxy authentication in order to gain access to the resource server on behalf of the portal user.